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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: SOUTH AFRICAN MESSAGE TO GERMAN
FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER

1. THE GERMANS HAVE PROVIDED US WITH A COPY OF A MESSAGE
RECEIVED BY FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER JUNE 15 FROM SOUTH
AFRICAN FOREIGN MINISTER BOTHA. GENSCHER HAD CALLED IN
THE SOUTH AFRICAN AMBASSADOR IN BONN JUNE 11 TO EMPHASIZE
GERMANY'S OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSED ANNOUNCEMENT ON
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REGISTRATION OF VOTERS. THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM BOTHA
CAME IN RESPONSE TO THAT ACTION. BEGIN TEXT.
"THE AMBASSADOR OF THE FIVE HAVE INFORMED ME OF THE OUT-
COME OF THE LUANDA TALKS AND I AM NOW MORE THAN EVER CON-
VINCED THAT THE TASK OF OBTAINING AN ANSWER FROM SWAPO
ON THE WESTERN PROPOSALS FOR A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT IN
SOUTH WEST AFRICA WILL BE A LONG AND ARDUOUS ONE. IN FACT

IT WOULD SEEM AT THIS STAGE THAT SWAPO IS NOT WILLING TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSALS AS A PACKAGE AND THAT THEY WISH TO REOPEN FUNDAMENTAL ASPECTS THEREOF, IN SPITE OF THE FACT THAT THE PROPOSALS WERE SUBMITTED AT THE END OF MARCH TO THE PARTIES CONCERNED IN A FINAL AND DEFINITIVE FORM FOR ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION.

I WISH TO REITERATE TO YOU THAT THE REGISTRATION OF VOTERS WITH WHICH WE NOW WISH TO PROCEED IS IN EVERY RESPECT A -- NEUTRAL -- ACT, WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE TERMS OF THE PROPOSALS OR THE STANDING OF ANY PARTY WITHIN THE TERRITORY. I WOULD EARNESTLY APPEAL TO YOU TO USE YOUR BEST EFFORTS TO CONVINCE OTHERS THAT BY PROCEEDING WITH THE REGISTRATION OF VOTERS SOUTH AFRICA IS NOT EMBARKING ON A COURSE OF IMPLEMENTING A SOLUTION OF ITS OWN. THE BASIC ISSUE IS WHETHER ANY COUNTRY OR GROUP OF COUNTRIES OR ANY PARTY HAS THE RIGHT TO DENY THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH WEST AFRICA INDEPENDENCE BY THE END OF THIS YEAR.

AS YOU KNOW THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT HAVE REPEATED BY GIVEN SOLEMN ASSURANCES TO THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH WEST AFRICA THAT THEY WILL ACHIEVE THEIR INDEPENDENCE BY THE END OF THIS YEAR. IT IS TOO MUCH TO EXPECT US TO ABANDON THIS AIM, HOPING PERHAPS VAINLY THAT THERE WOULD BE NO INDEFINITE FURTHER DELAYS.

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SOUTH AFRICA HAS CONSISTENTLY AND THROUGHOUT THE MANY MONTHS OF NEGOTIATIONS ACTED IN GOOD FAITH AND HAS PROVED HER BONA FIDES BEYOND DOUBT. WE HAVE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT YOUR VIEWS ON THE MANY OCCASIONS WHEN THEY WERE PRESENTED TO US. SOUTH AFRICA WAS RECENTLY URGED TO TAKE "POSITIVE STEPS" IN SOUTH WEST AFRICA TO ASSIST YOUR EFFORTS. IN THIS REGARD, YOU ARE ALREADY AWARE THAT SIXTY-THREE OF THE SWAPO PERSONNEL HELD BY THE SOUTH AFRICAN DEFENCE FORCE WERE RELEASED.

FURTHERMORE ON TUESDAY THE ADMINISTRATOR GENERAL ANNOUNCED THAT "IT HAS BEEN DECIDED TO INSTITUTE EQUAL REMUNERATION FOR EQUAL QUALIFICATIONS AND EQUAL WORK FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF SOUTH WEST AFRICA AND THE PUBLIC SERVICE LOCALLY". HE ADDED: "SHORTLY AFTER MY ASSUMPTION OF OFFICE I DECIDED THAT DIFFERENCES IN REMUNERATION IN SOUTH WEST AFRICA'S PUBLIC SECTOR BASED SOLELY ON RACE OR COLOUR SHOULD BE ELIMINATED IF SUFFICIENT FUNDS THEREFORE COULD BE OBTAINED FROM SOUTH WEST AFRICAN SOURCES SINCE SUCH DIFFERENCES COULD NOT BE JUSTIFIED IN THE LIGHT OF THE NEW DISPENSATION WHICH WAS THEN DEVELOPING HERE AND WHICH IT WAS MY TASK TO EXPAND."

I MAY IN CONFIDENCE ALSO INFORM YOU THAT THE RELEASE OF
FOUR DETAINEES UNDER PROCLAMATION AG26 HAS ALSO TAKEN PLACE.

AS YOU WILL NOTICE FROM THE STATEMENT OF THE ADMINISTRATOR
GENERAL THE REGISTRATION OF VOTERS WOULD NOT IMPEDE YOUR
EFFORTS TO OBTAIN ACCEPTANCE OF YOUR PROPOSAL BY OTHER
INTERESTED PARTIES.

THE FOLLOWING IS THE FULL TEXT OF THE STATEMENT:

TOMORROW A PROCLAMATION WILL BE ISSUED WHICH WILL ENABLE
ME ON A DATE TO BE DETERMINED BY ME TO PROCEED WITH THE
REGISTRATION OF VOTERS FOR THE ELECTION OF A CONSTITUENT
ASSEMBLY.
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SUCH REGISTRATION IS IN THE MAIN AN ESSENTIALLY NEUTRAL
STEP OF AN ADMINISTRATIVE NATURE IN NECESSARY PREPARATION

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FOR THE ELECTION WHICH IS ONE OF THE CARDINAL ASPECTS OF
THE WESTERN PROPOSALS. THE PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN THE
PROCLAMATION ARE SUCH THAT THEY DO NOT EXCLUDE THE ROLE
ENVISAGED FOR THE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SECRETARY-
GENERAL.'

IN CONCLUSION I WISH TO URGE YOU TO IMPRESS UPON SWAPO
THE NECESSITY TO CEASE VIOLENCE."
END TEXT. LEONARD

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